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Let's Journey Together (LJT) (3/2023)

TO ALL IN THE UPCSA

Dear fellow Presbyterians,

"A voice of one calling: "In the wilderness prepare the way for the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level the rugged places a plain. And the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. For the mouth of the LORD has spoken."? (Isaiah 40: 3-5 NIV)

We always thank and glorify God for all that you are doing in your spaces for the work of God to prosper. With great and little strength, we equally serve God. Thank you. In this issue of Let's Journey Together, I make a call for prayer and action on two issues, the UPCSA General Assembly and elections in Zimbabwe and South Africa.

General Assembly

In just over a week the General Assembly will be sitting in Harare Zimbabwe. The Rev Lydia Neshangwe will be inducted into the office of Moderator of general Assembly on Saturday, the 24th of June 2023 in a service that will commence at 11:00. You are requested to pray for the success of this Assembly. The success of every Assembly lies, not just in attendance, by in the quality of decisions taken. This serves to launch a prayer period for the General Assembly starting on Friday evening at 18:00 until the end of the Assembly on Thursday, the 29th of June 2023. The UPCSA is of God and Jesus Christ is king and head of the Church, including the UPCSA.

General Assembly is an open meeting. On Saturday and Sunday, the services will be streamed live. The links will be released as soon as the technician makes them available. The sessions of the Assembly (business) will not be streamed live. But anyone who is interested in joining to observe is free to do so. To be able to join, one must register as an observer beforehand. The link for registration is as follows: <https://us06web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZctd-usrz4oHtM4faj3sQhyCT8WzITinhmJ>. It is also made easy through the guide which accompanies this letter. You are encouraged to register by the end of this week, so that the organisers know the number of people and make adjustments on the platform accordingly. The UPCSA is yours, you are the UPCSA.

Elections in Zimbabwe and South Africa

Zimbabwe will hold general elections on 23 August 2023 to elect councillors, members of parliament, and a president. We must join hands to pray for the successful elections that will be just, free, and fair. We encourage the people of Zimbabwe to exercise the God given democratic right and elect the government of their choice. We call upon the members of the UPCSA in Zimbabwe to determine the role they are going to play in ensuring that the elections are supported, in addition to prayer.